



Orders

Appointed to be executed in
the Cittie of London, for setting roges
and idle persons to worke, and for
reliefe of the poore.

Proverbes, 16.

He that hath pittie vpon the poore, lendeth vnto the
Lord: and looke what hee layeth out, it shall bee
payd him againe.

Psalme. 61.

Blessed is the man that provideth for the sicke and
needy: the Lorde shall deliuer him in the time of
trouble.

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D^e releefe of the pooze, and

foz setting to woꝝke of bagaraunt people,
there are to be set vp in Wydewell certayne
artes, occupations, woꝝkes and labours.

2 There are to be pꝛouided stocke & tooles foꝝ those
woꝝkes. There is to be pꝛouided bedding, apparrell, and
dyet foꝝ those pooze to be set to woꝝke.

3 When oꝝder shalbe taken and sufficient pꝛouission had
foꝝ the furniture of the woꝝkes, Proclamation shal bee
made thꝛoughout the Cittꝝ, that all bagarants which are
come out of other places, where by the law they ought to
be pꝛouided foꝝ, shal depart the Cittie and the liberties
thereof, to the places of their byꝛth oꝝ last abode accoꝝding
to the Law, vpon the paines thereof due.

4 Within cōuenient time after the day limited by such
Proclamation a generall search shalbe made, and lyke-
wise new generall searches from time to time as shalbe
requisite, thꝛoughout the Cittie and the liberties thereof at
one instant, & all the bagarants that shal be there founde
shalbe bꝛought to Wydewell to be examined.

5 Such of them as be not diseased, and the Cittie not to
be charged with the by lawe, shalbe dealt with accoꝝding
to the lawe.

6 Such of the saide bagarants as shalbe found diseased
and to be curable, to ſꝝ number that the Hospitalls shalbe
able to receiue, shalbe sent to the Hospitalls to be cured:
and being cured shalbe sent to Wydewell againe there to
be examined and vsed as is afoꝝesayd.

7 In this respect oꝝder is to be taken with the Hospi-
talles of S. Bartholmew and S. Thomas, that such as
shalbe sent to them from Wydewell by warrant of foure
gouernours at the least vnder their handes to bee subscri-
bed at a Courte oꝝ assembly of them together, may be re-

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ceased at all tymes of the waake and not deferred untill they Court dayes. And that they spare the taking in of other, for the time, if neede so require.

8 Those whom the Cittie by law is charged to prouide for and are able to worke, shalbe receiued into Bideuell, and there kept with thin diet, onely sufficing to sustaine them in health, and shalbe set to worke in such of þ woorkes labours and occupations as they shall be found fittest for.

9 If any such shall loyter and wyl not do such laboꝝ as in reason they ought and as is done by other of like capacitie and strength, they shall be punished in Bideuell as is bled by the discretion of the Gouernours.

10 If any of them shall run away or escape from Bideuell, and be taken againe bagarant within the liberties of this Cittie, he shalbe comitted to the gaole as a Koge in the first degre, and neuertheless after execution done vpon him by boaring his eare, he shall againe bee sent to Bideuell to worke as befoze, if none other will at the Sessions receiue him according to Lawe.

11 Likewise escaping and being eftsones taken againe bagarant, he shalbe bled as a felon according to Lawe.

12 If any such bagarants shalbe found skilfull in any occupation wherby any Cittizen or other vsing such occupation wilbe contented to receiue them into service, or þ any Cittizen or any other wilbe content to take any of the Apprentise or to service either in London or in the countrey, the gouernours of Bideuell shall do their indeuor so to bestowe them. Provided alway that if after such bestowing, any of them shalbe found bagarant, bee shalbe bled as one escaping out of Bideuell as is aforesayd.

13 Such of them as belonging by law to the charge of the Cittie haue yong childzen vpon their hands, and vpon examination none shalbe found which by law ought to finde them,

them, the same children shalbe sent to Christes Hospitall by such order and maner as hath bene accustomed so far as the house shalbe able to maintaine the. And the reste to be maintained at the charge of þ̄ parish according to law.

14 Such of them as are aged lame and impotent and not to be cured nor able to laboꝝ, shalbe provided for in the parishes where they dwell by some good order there to be taken.

15 If any being so provided for shalbe founde begging in the streets they shalbe punished in Bridewell by order of the governours for the first time. And for þ̄ second tyme, and the third time they shalbe used as Roges in the first and second degrees according to the Lawe.

16 Such parishes as haue moe poꝛe then they are able to releue shall haue ayde of the money to be leuied for this cause.

17 If any Carrier or other shall by lande or water bring to this Cittie or nere to þ̄ same any children or other and leaue them vnplaced or not sufficiently provided for: such Carrier or bringer shalbe punished by imprisonment, or otherwise as sharply as law wil permit, and also shall be bound to conuey such back againe to the places whence they came or where they ought to be provided for according to law. Warning to be ginen by Proclamation of the contents of this and the next Article.

18 Euery Inkeper or such other person in this Cittie or nere to the same, which shall wittingly receiue or keepe any such child or other so brought & not sufficiently provided for, shalbe charged to keepe and provide for such child or other so brought, or els be bound to discharge the Cittie of them, or to conuey them backe agayne from whence they came. And if he refuse so to do, then hee shall be punished as is abouesayd of the Carrier or bringer.

19 That Proclamation be made that euery Cittizen shal

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have charge on paine of iii. s. liii. d. and every other person
shalbe required, to bzing o2 cause to bee bzought to the
Constable o2 his Deputie o2 to the Bedle of the Warde
o2 other Bedle every such vagarant as shall beg of them
in the Parish where such citizens o2 other doo dwell: that
such vagarant may by such Constable o2 his deputie o2
by the Bedle be sent to Bidelwell to be examined and
led as is aboue sayd.

20 The Constables, Surueyors of Parishes, Bedles of
Wardes & other Bedles shall have charge to appzehende
all such vagarantes as they shall finde, and to bzing o2
send them to Bidelwell as is afozesayd, on payne of vi. s.
viii. d. to be paid by every such Constable o2 his deputie, &
iii. s. liii. d. by every such Surueyor o2 Bedle in whom the
fault shalbe found, and the same to be leuied by distresse,
and to be employed to the vse of the poze in Bidelwell.

21 And also that the Constables, Deputies, and bedles,
on like payne, shall conuey to Bidelwell, such as shall be
bzought to them as is afoze sayd.

22 The Constable in every watch shalbe charged vppon
like payne of vi. s. viii. d. to appzehend all such vagarants
and Rogish persons as they shall find by night, and shall
send o2 conuey them to the Counter o2 Cage, and so to
Bidelwell the next day. And the Porter o2 Officers of
Bidelwell shall presently receyue them wythout any
further attendaunce of such as shall bzing them.

23 The gouernours of Bidelwell shall appoint some
wised persons to follow the causes at every Sessions a-
gainst such as shalbe committed to pryson as is afozesaid.

24 For auoyding the returne of idle vagarants, and for
better refozation of the idle youth and vnhysitic poze
in this Citie and for further execucion of the premises, e-
very Alderman o2 his Deputie in his ward assisted wyth
a sufficient Steward shall keepe his Court of Wardmote
once in every month for the first yeare now ensuing, and
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In other yeres once in euery thre monethes, on payne to euery Alderman for his default or of his sufficient Deputie for him in not keeping the sayd Court c.l.s. to y^e like vse of the poore. And all y^e inhabitants shall there appeare or be amerced for their defaultes, and out of the saide ameracements and p^{ro}fit^{es} of Court the steward shalbe rewarded with reasonable fee by the discretion of y^e Alderman, and the rest shalbe to the sayd vse of the poore.

25 By the Inquest shalbe there enquired, if idle persons, rogues, vagabundes, and other suspect persons which lyue disorderly or suspiciously or spende their times at Bawling allies, playes, and other places vnthriftily: & whether the meane officers doe their dueties, and all other matters, as in the charge of leet^{es}: and that speedy p^{ro}cesse be vsed according to the law for the reformation without delay.

26 Order to bee there taken for the Wardes to haue cages and stocks, according to the Lawes of this Citty, and for the renewing of searches for vagarants and such other persons from time to time as shalbe requisite.

27 In euery Parrish by the Person or the Curate and Churchwardens with the Constable & the Collectors for the poore, and sixe other of the chiefe of the inhabitants at the least, a vestry to be holden in the wake befoze the assemble of euery such wardmote, to enquire and vnderstand of all idle persons, vagaboundes, rogues, disordered maisters of houses, disordered Children of the poore, disordered Alehouses, and such like, absences from Church, and other misdemeaners in their Parrish: and that such as they finde, be p^{re}sented at the next wardmote.

28 In euery parrish a generall suruey to be made, by the Constable, Churchwardens, Collectors for the poore, and vi. other of the Parishners of all their poore and needye neighbors of the Parish v^z. of euery house particularly, the names of the dwellers, the children and seruantes.

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the sexe and age of every one, and which be able to labour and whereupon, and who be utterly impotent to any labour.

29 No pension nor other relæse to be giuen to any which are idle, being able to laboꝝ. And such as will labour and haue not nor can pꝛouide to set themselves to worke, making their mone to the Churchwardens or Collectoꝝs for the poꝛe, may by a bill to be signed with the hands of the sayd Churchwardens or Collectoꝝs, or any two of them and thre other parishoners, haue worke appoynted or deliuered them at Bideſwell, or els where.

30 None of the poꝛe, or their childꝛen be suffered to begg or wander in the ſtꝛetes, but be exercised vpon meete labour toward the getting of their liuing in honest sort.

31 In euery parrish all the poꝛe houses shall be at conuenient times viſited, daily if it may be, by some one or moe to be appoynted at the bestꝛy to ſee how they apply theyꝛ worke, and the defaults to be certified euery ſunday to the Churchwardens, and by thẽ to be noted in a book againſt the next beſtꝛy.

32 Such youth, and other as are able to labour and may haue worke & ſhal be found idle ſhall haue ſome maner of correction by the parents, or otherwiſe as ſhalbe thought good in the pariſh. And if they wyll not amend they ſhalbe ſent to Bideſwell to be reaſonably corrected there.

33 Such as be impotent and relæued by pensions & can do ſomewhat, ſhalbe occupied in ſo much as they can doo: and the ſicke ſhalbe viſited and relæued of the comon boxe for the poꝛe in their Parrisſh during onely their ſickneſs, and afterward ſhall apply theyꝛ laboꝝ againe.

34 Humble ſute to be made to the Lord Mayoꝝ and hys bretheren that vpon pꝛeſentments in the court of Wardmote due execution and refoꝛmation be had.

35 For better execution & redreſſe to be had of thinges to be pꝛeſented by the Inqueſt of Wardmote, the pꝛeſentments

ments shalbe deliuerd to the Aldermā of the ward, and by him or his deputy shalbe speedely redressed and executed such things so represented as be within his power by law and the orders of this Citty to execute.

36 Such things as be not in the power of the Alderman or his deputy, but in the power of the house of Wyndesore by vertue of their charter shalbe deliuered to to the gouernours of Wyndesore to be by them executed and reformed so far as they may according to the law.

37 Such things as be not in the power of the Aldermā or his deputie, nor in the power of the house of Wyndesore, but do require the authority of the Lord Maior or of the court of Aldermē or of any Iustices of peace, shalbe deliuered ouer to the Lord Maior or to such iustices as shalbe requisite, that the same may be lawfully and duly redressed.

38 To every art, science, or labor in Wyndesore be appointed two of the gouernours of Wyndesore to oversee the same, who shal haue care to the doing therof as they may answer that charge in credite and conscience.

39 Foure gouerners of that house shal attend two hours at the least in every day for examination & direction of such as shalbe brought thether after the first search & for expedition of other things requisite.

40 The tresorer with some of the gouernours of Wyndesore shalbe appointed for the providing of cozne, bread, victuall apparel and necessaries for the poore, and to ouerse their lodgings and such other things as be needefull.

41 Of such companies of this Citty as wel the workshop full as the inferior, as the gouernours of Wyndesore shall find to be requisite according to the qualittie of the artes or labors that are to be overseene, there shalbe appointed persons to attend, so as there may be euery day two

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attending at Bidewell to oversee the workes, and to
give knowledge of the defaults which they shall find, to
the governours, on paine of xx. shillings to be payed
by the wardens if they appoynt not, being therunto re-
quired by the space of a weeke before, & on paines of vi.
shillings viii. pence to be paid by euery of the parties ap-
pointed, if he attend not being warned three daies before
at the least, the sayd paines to be to the vse of the poore
in Bidewell and to be leuied by distresse.

42 Where in the Hauoy are lodged nightly great num-
bers of idle wicked persons, cutpurfes, confiners, and
such other thæues, & there in the night are hidden from
officers and in the day do vse their rogiſh life, so that y^e
same place honozably ordeined is by such abuse made a
noursery of roges thæues idle and drunken persons: for
remedy therof, request to be made to the maister of that
house, y^e speciall persons be appoynted to examine such
as shall come to lodge in the Hauoy that such be lodged
there as be of honest fame, poore men comming by for
their sutes or causes, or such as are knownen & can geue
account of their labour in the day time, and no other: &
if any such lewde roges be founde there, the officers of
the Hauoy or the Iustices to whom it may appertaine
may send them to such place as they ought to be sent
by lawe.

43 Like order shalbe had for reformation of the lyke a-
buse in S. Thomas hospital. And for better execution
therof two or moe of the governours of Bidewell may
from time to time as often as shalbe thought needfull
goe into S. Thomas hospital with assistance or consent
of some of y^e governours there, to serch what people shal-
be there lodged, and such as they shall there finde vaga-
rants and able to labour shalbe committed to Bidewell
to be examined as is aforesayd.

44 For reformation of excessive number & disorder of
alehouses, tipling houses, cellers, & such like which be
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the maintainers & receivers of wicked persons and be
the occasion of much theft pilfering and incontinent life
and y increase of harlots and consequently of Bastards
and diseases to the great charge of the Citty: a view be
had of all alehouses, cokes houses, tipling houses, cel-
lers, & such like in every parish by such as have thereof
authoritie, & that the numbers of them be abridged to a
reasonable proportion for the Ward or Parish, and in
places convenient, as shalbe thought mete, & certified
by the Alderman of the Wards, and no other to bee
allowed.

45 That al be put downe and disallowed, but only such
as be of good fame, and knowne enemies to wicked life
and so certified by the Alderman of the Ward, and that
such as be once detected and found faultie of such rule,
shall neuer be allowed againe.

46 No lodging, gaming, or billing be suffered in any
celler.

47 Bondes shalbe taken with sureties for observing y
said orders by victualers, and the bondes and sozpayntes
therof shalbe made and employed to the use of the poore
in byrdwell.

48 Where many Landlozds and farmers of Allies, or
of great houses converted into small habitations, do kepe
victualing houses, and houses of stables, or cellers for stor-
ring of drinke, vittails and other to offer to the inha-
bitantes of those allies or small habitations, all such
shalbe utterly disallowed & forbidden to be used of such
Landlozds or farmers or by any other by their meanes
or within such Allies or houses.

49 Such as are above limited to be punished by whip-
ping, shalbe so punished by the discretio of y governours
of byrdwell, wherof at least there shalbe such numbers
of Justices as in such case is required by the statutes

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without tarrying for any delay of sessions at the Guild-
hall, which to the Governours should be troublesome &
to the house very chargeable, and consequently hurtfull
to the release of the paye.

**¶ Artes, Occupations, Labors, and
Workes, to be set vp in Wyndesore.**

The worke in the Mill,
The worke in the Ligh-
ter & unloading of Sand
The carrying of sand.
Making of Hoopes.
Chipping of Coppers by
hand and fote.
Making of woll Cardes.
Making of Playes.
Making of gloues.
Making of Combes.
Making of Inkle and
tape.
Making of like Lace,
Making of Sparrell for
the house.
Spinning of wollen
yarn.

Knitting of hose.
Spinning of Linnen
yarn.
Spinning of Candell
waxe.
Making of Packthreed
Drawing of wier.
Making of Pinnes.
Making of Pointes.
Making of Knives.
Making of Tennise
balles.
Making of Bayes.
Making of Feltes.
Dicking of woll for felts
Or any other that
may fall in practise

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It is to be ordered, co p in-
tent that the house of Wyndesore be not v-
nerpestren, but may be able to receaue
such as shall neede; and that such as shal-
be brought thither be brought for their
reformation and not for perpetuall seruitude, that the
gouernours shall doe their indutours to bestow as ma-
ny of the youth as shalbe put to labor there, in seruice
either as apperentises or otherwise with children of any
other that wilbe content to receiue the. And speciallie
that owners and Maisters of Shippes be intreated to re-
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reine such into their service.

51 To auoid the perill that the setting a woꝝke of ba-
grants in the said Artes at Bzidelwell might be to the
ouerthꝛow of the woꝝke and to the vndoing of poꝛe cit-
tizens houholders, and their families that liue by woꝝ-
king in the same arts foꝛ other, oꝛ by retailing of things
woꝛought: Wherefoꝛe the gouernours of Bzidelwell shall
consult with the Wardens and discrete men of those
companies that vse y^e woꝝking oꝛ selling of such things
as shalbe woꝛought in Bzidelwell, as Shoomakers and o-
ther, that the said companies and their houholders shal
deliuer their woꝝke to such number in Bzidelwell as they
may with the benefit of their company, and shal pay foꝛ
the same at reasonable rates to their pꝛoffit.

52 Also a note shall be kept in Bzidelwell of places and
persons where and of whome woꝝke may be had, that
poꝛe in parishes sent thether to require woꝝke may be
the better releued.

53 A view to be had of the coꝛdwainers & other artifi-
cers what foꝛrens are set on woꝝk contrary to y^e lawes
of this Citty, & how many of them by their birth oꝛ by
their continuance the space of thꝛee yeres do belong
to the burden & chꝛg of this citty, that oꝛder may be take
foꝛ them & foꝛ auoiding the increase of them hereafter
but in case of necessity, & also with bonds of such as shal
retaine them that they shal neuer be burdenous to the
Citty as bꝛagants oꝛ persons bꝛpꝛouided foꝛ.

54 Foꝛ the better relæse of the poꝛe, the leather that
shalbe found faulty in this Citty and seised as foꝛfay-
ted, shall neuer foꝛ any pꝛice come to the vse of the sear-
chers, oꝛ sealers of leather, but shall wholly be to Chꝛi-
stes hospital, & Bzidelwell, to be there made into shoes
foꝛ the poꝛe, by the poꝛe that shall woꝝke there: and
the searchers shall haue their poꝛtion in money accoꝛ-
ding to the pꝛaisement.

55 Provision is to be made for apparell, bedding, and meate for the sayd poore, for toles, and for stocke and stuffe for the occupations, for making of Gillies, and buying of Lighters, for fees and wages of Bedelles and other necessary poore attendauntes: and therfore a competent & sufficient portion of money is to be had, which by an estimate for one yere accompting for ii, C. persons amounteth about ii, 99, l.

56 That the act of common Counsell for Lime and for spending of sand and grauell to be taken out of Thamesse be seuerely put in execution, which the body of the Citty do humbly pray the Lord Maior and his brethren earnestly to do, and to bind, & punish with all straightnes the offenders to the contrary, and especially such workemen as in deceiuing of builders do slander the said sand, which by good triall in the buildings of noble men, and of sundry good Citizens, and other, and specially by a trial late made in the presence of the wardens of the sayd workemen, is found and confessed as good for the worke and as profitable to the builder as any other sand.

57 For the provision of the sayd stock to the accomplishing of the said good works, there may be graunted by the body of this Citty twofoldness to be assessed & leuied in vsuall manner, wherof the one to be paid as speedyly as may be, the other at the end of vi. monethes.

58 Whereunto be added the taxations of al persons inhabiting within the liberties of this Citty to be assessed according to the statute lately made for erecting of houses, for setting the poore on worke, or els to be contributary in the sayd twofoldness by the rate of their houses.

59 Where the other Hospitales both for the poore children, & for the diseased are likely at the first to haue here by some increate of charge, & where also some parishes are to be charged with their impotent poore, which are not

not able nor fitte to worke in Bridewell: Therefore the Lord Mayor & such as be thereunto authorized by the Statutes will sit againe and peruse the booke of taxations for the poore, that by the assessing of such as become in place since the last assessment & were not assessed before, and by auancing such as God hath further blessed with habilitie, and with reasonable consideration of such as be lesse able, the booke may be renewed and made as beneficiall, as reasonably may be for the poore.

60 That a consideration be had of the pensionaries out of the hospitall in euery Parish, that none be allowed without neede, nor to such as haue pensions otherwise, whereby such as truly haue needs may be the better relieved.

61 For helpe of the hospitals & Parishes in this charge all churchwardens & collectors for the poore be straitly charged to execute the lawe against such as come not to church, against all persons without exception, & specially against such as while they ought to be at diuine service, doe spend their time and their money lewdly in haunting of plaies, and other idle and wycked pastimes and exercises.

62 For as much as the playing of Enterludes, & the resort to the same are very dangerous for infection of the plague, whereby infinite burdens and losses to the Cittie may increase, and are very hurtfull in corruption of youth with incontinence & lewdnes, and also great wasting both of the time & thurst of many poore people and great prouoking of the wrath of God the ground of all plagues, great withholding of the people from publique prayer & from the seruice of God, and daily cryed out against by his graue and earnest admonitions of the preachers of the word of God: Therefore be it ordered that all such Enterludes in publique places, and the resort to the same shall wholly be prohibited as vngodly, and humble sute be made to the Lords that lyke prohibition be in places nere vnto the Cittie.

63 The forfeitures of al such as be bound not to place in their allies & small habitations any such as shalbe burdensome to the Citty, be severally leuied & employed to the releafe of the poore in the said Hospitals & parishes, and that the Lord Maior and Aldermen will not remit any part thereof nor stay any sute or execution vpon any of the said bondes without consent of the common counsell.

64 New bonds be taken to like effect and for auoyding of inmates of all such as be not yet bounde or whose bondes shall cease by the execution of them.

65 The Lord maior and aldermen by the request of the gouernours of Wydwel appoynt some speciall officers or persons to enquire of goods sold bought & sold toherby Citizens shold otherwile lose the benefit of their trades and become vnable to releue the poore, & part of the forfeitures so to be found may be to the releafe of the poore.

66 That the preachers be moued at the sermons at the Crosse & other conuenient times specially in the terme time, & that other good notozious meanes be vsed, to require both Citizens, Artificers, and other, and also all farmers and other for husbandry, and gentlemen and other for their kitchins & other seruices, to take seruants and children both out of Wydwel & Christs Hospitall at their pleasures, with declaration what a charitable deed it shalbe not onely for the releafe of those whom they shall so take into seruice but also of multitudes of other that shall from time to time be taken into the hospitals in their places, and so be preserved from perishing, with offer also that they shall haue them conueniently apparelled & bound with them for any competent number of yeeres, with further declaration that many of them be of toward qualities in readyng, wytyng, Grammer, and Musike.

